

Planning Application: Planning Supporting Statement

Glenwood School

Washington Rd
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Provision of a Temporary Single Classroom - Modular Building.

Accompanying Drawings

M7072-101 Rev A Glenwood School - Proposed Location Plan
M7072-102 Rev A Glenwood School - Proposed Site Layout
M7072-103 Rev A Glenwood School - Existing Site Plan
M7072-201 Rev A Glenwood School - GA and Elevations

Background - Need for additional Pupil places.

Hampshire County Council through its Children's Service Department has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places exist within Hampshire's maintained schools. The County Council seeks to exercise this function in partnership with dioceses, governing bodies of schools, head teachers, local communities and other key stakeholders. The need for school places changes in response to population movements and birth rate variations. Increases in demand can lead to the creation of a new school or the expansion of existing schools by adding permanent or temporary accommodation.

Temporary accommodation will only be used where the demand for increased school places is limited to a short period of time or, where it provides additional accommodation for a school subject to the completion of a permanent expansion of its facilities. Where temporary accommodation is used every effort is made to ensure it is on site for the shortest time possible.

Children's Services Capital Program for 2020-2021 was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services in January 2020. This document acknowledges the fact that there is in Hampshire, as there is nationally, a significant rise in the birth rate over the last 10 years. This coupled with migration into the County has increased the pressure on infant, primary and junior school place numbers.

Glenwood School: Increase in Pupil numbers

Glenwood School at present has 97 pupils enrolled which is set to increase by a further 6 pupils in 2021. The temporary classroom will allow the school to expand whilst a permanent solution is considered and will be required for a period of 7 years.

The building proposed for this site.

This is a single storey unit comprising a number of factory built bays delivered to site on lorries, craned into position, and then bolted and secured together to form a single building which in this case will measures L 9.0m x W 8.5m x H 3.6m.

Site Area: 7355 m²
Development Area: 378 m²
Building Area: 77m²

It would be normal to deliver the sections of the building in one day. The completion of the construction and fitting out then takes around six weeks.

The colour of the temporary building will be green (Moorland Green 12B21)

The building will have a shallow pitched roof and will be clad with pre-finished coated steel panels – detailed on the accompanying plans.

The building is not attached to the school but is on the same site. It will be located on an existing tarmac area to the rear of the school site. The fire alarm will be linked to the main school building. Surface water will be connected into the existing school system. The water supply will come from the main school building. Foul water will be fed into the existing mains. Power and data will be [supplied from the main school building.

The temporary building will be required for a period of 7 years.

Highways

Following consultation with the school it was decided that the building was best sited as shown on the accompanying drawing.

The temporary classroom will enable the school to expand while a permanent solution is considered.

With regard to the recently adopted “Onsite Parking Standards for Staff”, it would be appropriate “where viable” to provide an additional car parking space to accommodate a new full time member of staff. At this site it is not viable within the scope of this Temporary provision due to limited space on site. Should a permanent expansion be required, parking needs would be reassessed.

Staffing levels at the school will increase slightly. Currently there are a full time equivalent of 32.4 members of staff. Upon development of the site, there will be an additional 1 full time members of staff and 2 part time, bringing the FTE number up to 34.4.

The school currently has a total of 18 car parking spaces. No new parking spaces will be created as part of this development.

There are 2 scooter/cycle spaces for staff use. All pupils travel to and from the school via minibus or taxi.

School Travel Survey Data:

Survey Type	Month	Year	Walk	Cycle	Bus/Taxi	Train	Car alone	Car share	Other	Pupils in survey
School Census	March	2019			74		14		2	90
	Percentage		0	0	82.2	0	15.7	0	2.2	
School Census	March	2020			77		16		4	97
	Percentage		0	0	79.4	0	16.5	0	4.1	

The County Council's School Travel Planning team will be working with the school to work towards their Bronze Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools). This process involves identifying a range of activities and initiatives that the school already engages in to promote and enable active, safe and sustainable travel within the school community. It also requires the identification of transport and travel issues and will prompt a school to identify possible solutions to remove or reduce these. This is needed in order to manage the temporary increase in pupil numbers. This meets with the agreed process with Highways Development Planning where a modular is supporting a short term bulge in pupil numbers.

Environmental Protection

The Arboriculture Team have been consulted regarding trees within this school site and there are no trees with TPO's. A single Sycamore tree will be removed to allow the modular classroom to be installed. The tree is in poor condition and three quarters of its roots are under the tarmac playground. This tree does not form part of the school boundary but is within the main school site. HCC Arboriculture Team have provided a statement below:

'The lowest impact in arboricultural terms is the placement of the facility where there is currently a raised planting bed with a stressed sycamore tree growing in it. This is disrupting the tarmac play surface and generating dead wood at a rate indicating progressive decline. It is likely this tree will need removing on safety grounds in the foreseeable future.'

Landscape

There is no alteration to the existing school boundary.

The temporary modular is to be sited on a tarmac playground location adjacent to the main school building which provides good access to the school facilities and services, this can be seen in the accompanying plan.

Ecology

The Ecology Team have been informed of the project and they have produced a site wide report for the entire development which includes the school. There are no known ecological issues in the area.

Archaeology

The County Archaeologist has been consulted and they have replied explaining that there are no known areas of archaeological interest within the areas that are affected by this new building.

Access and Design

A Design and Access Statement has been provided with this application.

The building is located within the school site. It is separate from the main school building and will have a flat tarmac surface around the building affording level access to both the main entrance and fire exit doors.